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MEMORANDUM

TO: Food Distribution Program Participants

FROM: Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent
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DATE: February 6, 2007

SUBJECT: Raw Processing Commodity

In August 2006, Arizona Department of Education (ADE) distributed a memo to inform Food Distribution (FD) participants on the carryover inventory and how ADE would handle any and all excess pounds. We are currently more than half way through the school year and there are a number of school districts with high or unused balances with multiple processors.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations do not allow for excess pounds to be carried beyond the six month supply. Therefore, ADE will be working with processors/brokers to take measures to reduce the current levels of donated foods (DF) remaining. Any DF that is unused or uncommitted to another eligible recipient agency (RA) by March 2, 2007, will be authorized by ADE to be transferred out for use by other RA's. As a result of the transfer of DF, the sending agency will not be credited their entitlement expended for the raw commodity. In addition, all RA's forfeiting their raw commodity will be required to submit a usage plan for the commodities on the processing commodity surveys they submit for school year 2007-2008.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Leona Benally (602) 364-1965, Dawn Irvine (602) 364-0714 or Tina Herzog (602) 542-8781.

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